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BIG WIN

New Zealand falter, fall 96 runs short of formidable total of 255 as Team India claims historic successive T20 World Cup title

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This Indira Canteen has paid off its arrears, but cannot afford a new electric meter due to which it has not had power supply for past 18 months. An emergency light that lasts for an hour is the only light it has while serving dinner

STILL IN THE DARK AGES

With taps missing, water tank defunct, all washing is done using water stored in a drum

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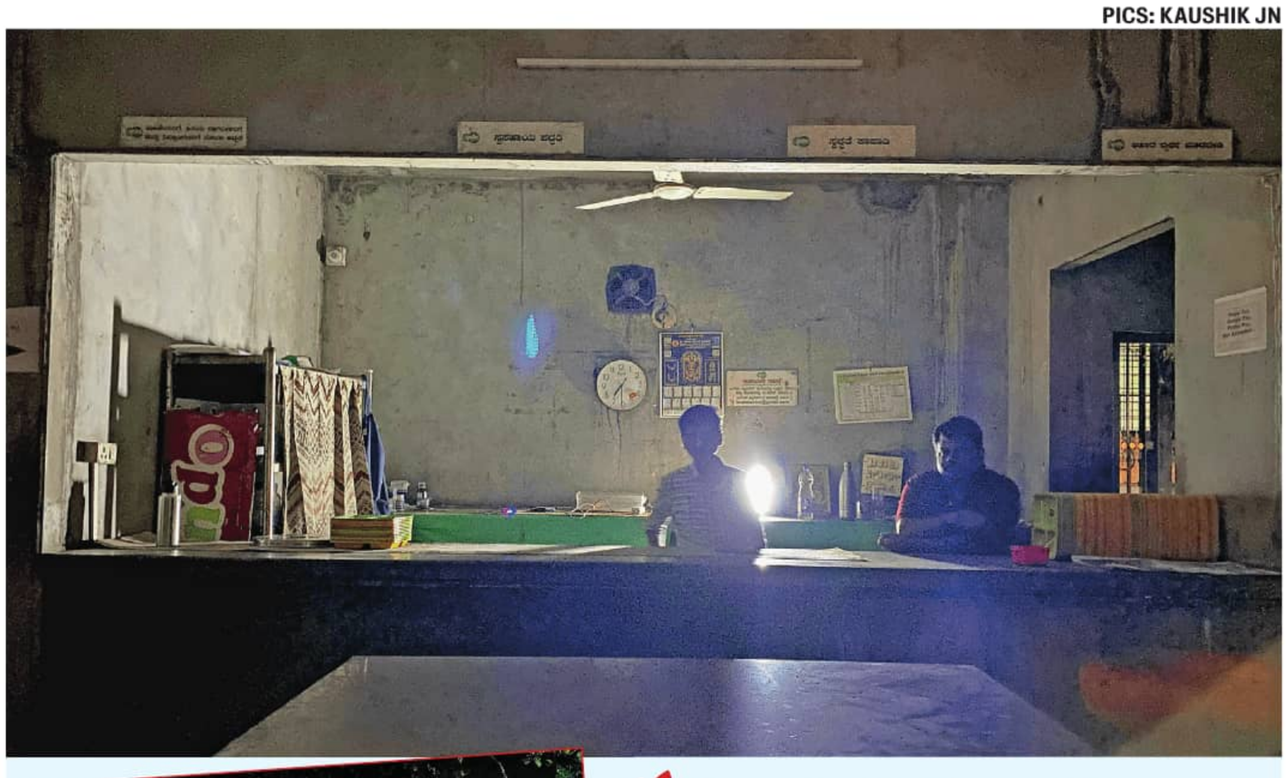

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Once touted as the eatery where the poor and needy can get food at subsidised rates, Indira Canteens lie in a shambles now. While across the city, most of these establishments face one issue or the other, the state of the Indira Canteen at Visveswarapuram ward near National College Metro Station has to be the pits.

This canteen has had no electricity for more than 18 months but the authorities, especially Health Department officials, have failed to ensure this basic amenity.

The onus of ensuring the canteens are clean and functioning smoothly lies with the respective City Corporations authorities. But it is obvious that even the most basic requirement is not guaranteed.

"The Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) staff took away the electricity meter more than one-and-half years ago as the previous contractor, who was managing the canteen, had not paid the electricity bill. We paid the arrears but the

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"The unhygienic conditions at this canteen are appalling. No one is bothered about the health of students who visit this canteen for lunch. The authorities must address the problems immediately or close the canteen

—L Jeevan, Karnataka Rashtra Samithi

All your grievances mapped out

Citizen's AI-based map that illustrates patterns of civic issues through reported complaints sparks engaged discussions

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A social media post analysing civic complaints in Bengaluru has sparked discussion online after it visualised the city's civic grievances and the areas where they are concentrated. The post, shared on X by user Shraddha, presented what she described as a "grievance map" of Bengaluru that attempts to illustrate patterns of urban stress through citizen complaints reported across the city.

The map compiles publicly available grievance data and plots complaints geographically, offering a snapshot of where residents are experiencing the most problems related to civic infrastructure and services. One can also view through varying categories such as neighbourhoods, size of the wards and the different complaints. Mapping these complaints reveals clusters of stress points across neighbourhoods, making it easier to identify which areas require urgent administrative attention.

In conversation with Bangalore Mirror,

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THINGS TO DO

01 Musical tribute

The Information and Public Relations Department, Bengaluru Urban District, in collaboration with Bengaluru Urban District Administration Zilla Panchayat and Dr BR Ambedkar Study Centre, Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, is organising Bhima Gayana, a musical tribute to Dr BR Ambedkar.
Where: Jnanajyoti Auditorium, Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University;
When: March 10, 10 am

02 Symphony reimagined

Banyan Tree Events is presenting Symphony of Santoor, a grand musical experience which reimagines the instrument within a sweeping orchestral canvas while retaining the depth and purity of Indian classical tradition.

Where: Maanikya Hall, Chamara Vajra;
When: March 18, 8 pm

03 Story in stillness

ArtFlute is presenting Choosing to Rest, an online exhibition that explores rest not as inactivity, but as presence - a moment of listening to the body, intuition, and inner rhythm in a world defined by speed and constant output.
Where: ArtFlute Online Gallery (www.artflute.com);
When: March 13 to April 10

04 Timeless tunes

SANAM, one of India`s most cherished pop-rock groups, known for fusing old-world charm with a contemporary sound will be performing live, bringing an unforgettable musical experience.
Where: Phoenix Marketcity;
When: March 14, 7.30 pm

05 Lost in imagination

Ranga Shankara returns with its signature intimate storytelling programme, Little Cloud, packed with an enchanting experience of creativity, laughter and imagination. The sessions are held for children aged 4 to 6 every Saturday and Sunday.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar;
When: Until March 15, 10 am

No free pass for breaching exam rules

HC backs Board's decision to cancel student's exams for bringing mobile phone into exam hall, says adherence to rules is must to preserve fairness

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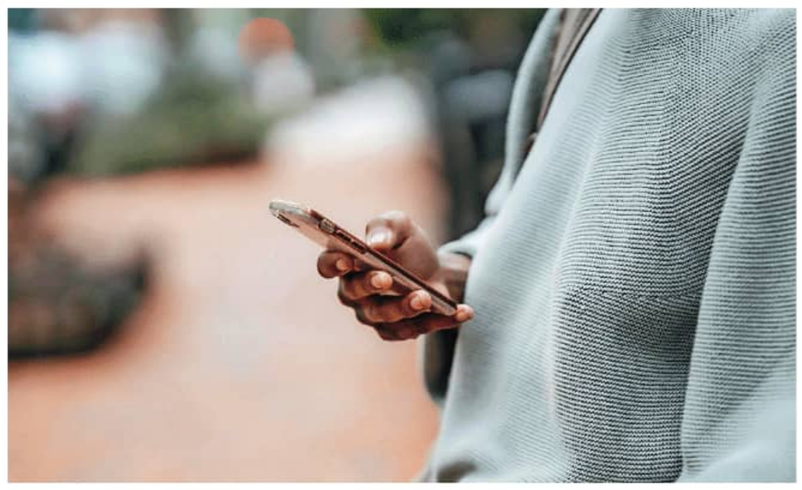
The Karnataka High Court has upheld the decision of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to penalise a Class 12 student who was found carrying a mobile phone inside the examination hall during a Board examination, emphasising that strict enforcement of examination rules is essential to safeguard the integrity of the examination process.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha allowed an appeal filed by CBSE and set aside an earlier order of a single judge that had granted relief to the student.

The case relates to the CBSE Class 12 Board examinations conducted in February 2025. On the first day of the examinations, the student was appearing for the Physical Education paper at a designated examination centre. About 25 minutes after the exam began, an invigilator noticed that the student had a mobile phone in his pocket.

The invigilator immediately confiscated the device and informed the examination observer at the centre. According to the records placed before the court, the student was then provided with a fresh question paper and answer booklet and allowed to continue writing the examination.



Under Board's rules, possession of electronic communication devices such as mobile phones inside examination hall is treated as a serious violation

Following the completion of the examinations, the matter was referred to CBSE's Unfair Means Committee for consideration. The student appeared before the committee and explained that he had reached the examination centre late and had inadvertently carried the mobile phone with him into the examination hall. When the device was checked, no material related to the examination or the question paper was reportedly found on it.

Despite this explanation, the Unfair Means Committee concluded that the student had violated CBSE's examination regulations. Under the Board's rules, possession of electronic communication devices such as mobile phones inside the examination hall is treated as a serious violation. Acting on the committee's recommendation, CBSE cancelled the student's examination for that year.

Challenging the decision, the student approached the Karnataka High Court. A single judge of the court earlier set aside the Board's decision, observing that there was no evidence to show that the mobile phone had actually been used during the examination. The court had directed CBSE to declare the student's results. CBSE subsequently filed an appeal against this order before a division bench of the High Court.

IN HIGH COURT

After examining the matter, the division bench agreed with the Board's arguments and held that the earlier order could not be sustained.

Allowing the appeal, the division bench set aside the earlier order of the single judge and restored the disciplinary action taken by CBSE against the student under its Unfair Means regulations. The court said strict adherence to examination rules is necessary to preserve public confidence in the integrity of the education system.

Division bench sets aside single judge's earlier order and restores disciplinary action taken by CBSE against student

Housing society rules clarified

The Karnataka High Court has held that the provisions of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, do not conflict with those of the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972, observing that the two laws operate in different domains and can coexist without any inconsistency.

Justice MG Uma made the observation while allowing a petition filed by Sobha Limited challenging the registration of an apartment owners' cooperative society formed by residents of a residential complex in Bengaluru.

The dispute arose after some residents of the Sobha HRC Pristine apartment complex formed the Sobha HRC Pristine Apartment Owners Co-operative Society Limited under the provisions of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, 1959. The society was registered by the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies in September 2023, and the decision was later upheld by the Deputy Registrar on appeal.

Challenging this registration, the developer approached the High Court contending that the formation of a cooperative society to manage a residential apartment complex was contrary to the statutory framework governing apartment ownership in the state.

After examining the legal framework, the court observed that the cooperative society structure was not intended to regulate ownership and management of apartment complexes and their common facilities.

The judge emphasised that in Karnataka, the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act is a specialised statute enacted specifically to govern the ownership, administration and maintenance of apartment properties and common areas. In light of these findings, the High Court set aside the registration certificate issued to the cooperative society as well as the appellate order that had upheld its registration. **–BMB**

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No rules at horror hostels

2 hostel incidents expose regulatory gaps in private residential schools

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Two disturbing incidents involving students staying in private hostels have once again exposed serious regulatory gaps in monitoring residential schools. A Class 9 student was killed during a violent clash at a hostel in Ballari, while a recent POCSO case at a private residential school in Devanahalli has raised questions about which government department is responsible for supervising such institutions.

The latest incident occurred late Sunday night at Gurukula Residency Hostel in Ballari. Hemanth (14), a Class 9 student died after being attacked with an iron rod by a fellow student during a fight that reportedly began over a trivial issue.

According to initial reports, the altercation between students escalated into violence when the accused student, identified as Bharath Kumar, allegedly assaulted Hemanth with the rod.

The boy is said to have died on the spot. A hostel warden and another student, who tried to intervene and stop the fight, sustained serious injuries in the incident. The warden is said to be in a critical condition and is undergoing treatment in hospital. Following the incident, the accused student reportedly fled the hostel premises.

The tragedy has once again drawn attention to the lack of clear regulatory oversight for private hostels and residential schools in the state. The issue has also come under scrutiny after a recent POCSO case reported at a private residential school in Devanahalli.

According to officials, while academic matters of private residential schools fall under the jurisdiction of the Education Department, there is no clearly defined authority responsible for monitoring hostel facilities and student welfare in privately run residential institutions.

The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has expressed concern over the absence of a proper regulatory framework. More than 800 residential schools are currently functioning in the state under various associations, in addition to several privately operated hostels and residential institutions.

In the case of government-run hostels and residential schools, departments such as the Social Welfare Department oversee operations, and the District Child Protection Unit can intervene if issues concerning children arise.

However, privately run hostels attached to schools often do not fall clearly within this administrative structure, creating confusion when complaints or incidents occur.

Education Department officials point out that their role is largely limited to overseeing academic aspects of private residential schools and does not extend to hostel management or student accommodation facilities.

Following the Devanahalli incident, the Education Department has sought details on the registration and functioning of private residential schools in the district. S hashidhar Kosambe, Chairperson of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) said the commission will write to the state government seeking clarity on which department should regulate private residential schools and hostels. He also urged the government to frame clear guidelines for the registration and monitoring of private residential schools, hostels and even unregulated coaching centres where children stay.

Offenders skipping court warned

In a special operation conducted by 13 police stations under the North Division, the police identified a total of 172 Modus Operandi offenders in the early hours of Sunday.

The police teams made surprise visits at the residences of these Modus Operandi offenders who were previously involved in crimes related to property.

The police collected information and verified the 172 MO offenders regarding their current occupations and movements around the city.

The police officials also checked if the verified individuals were regularly appearing in the court for their previously registered cases.

The officials probed into whether any warrants, proclamations or LPR (Long Pending Register) cases were issued against the persons and probed into their failure of appearing before the court. **BMB**

Hoysala to the rescue

Officers from Ramamurthy Nagar Police station jumped into action after receiving a distress call from parents of two girls, who accidentally locked themselves inside the bedroom at their home in NRO Layout on Friday morning. After failing to open the door, the parents called the 112 Namma emergency helpline and the Hoysala reached the residence within 9 minutes.

In another case, the Begur police helped a man retrieve his lost phone on Sunday after getting a call on Namma112 from the man's son that his father had lost his phone during his morning walk near Begur Lake.

The patrol car reached in 7 minutes and used a mobile tracking software to find the phone. The police found that a Rapido bike rider who had found the phone had kept it. **BMB**

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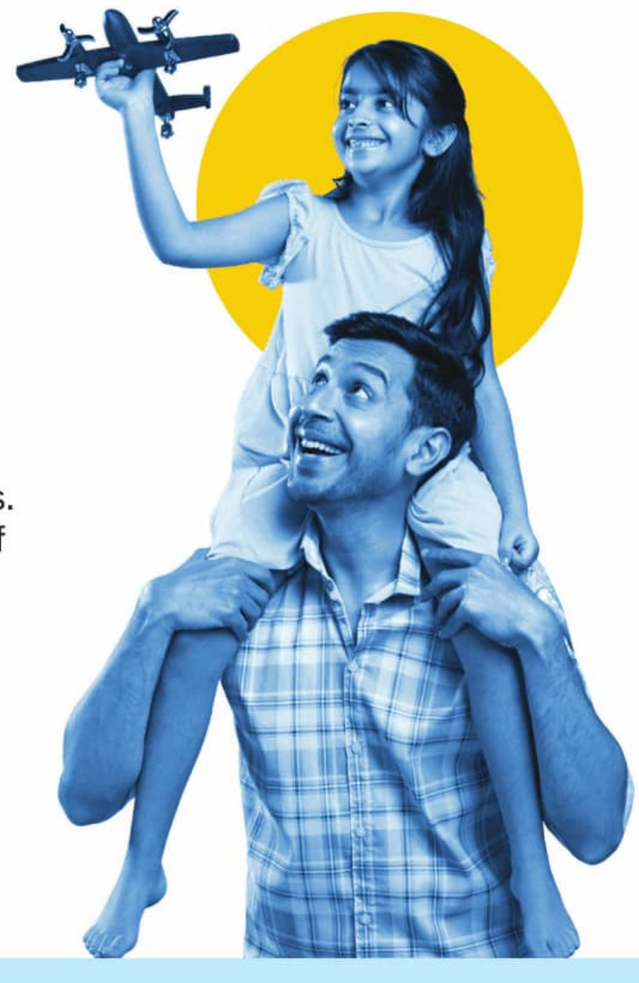

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B'luru lakes suffocate was sewage poisons ecosystems

Karnataka pollution board report finds over 50 Bengaluru lakes critically polluted, with sewage inflow and ineffective treatment plants worsening water quality

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Water bodies are monitored by pollution authorities as several lakes continue receiving untreated sewage, resulting in severe bacterial contamination and deteriorating water quality.

Bengaluru's water bodies are facing a critical health crisis. The recent water quality report of lakes in the city by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board shows that more than 50 water bodies are suffering from severe pollution levels. The rest, only slightly better, are also reeling under pressure.

In January this year, the state pollution control board assessed the water quality of 137 lakes in the city and found that 52 lakes had the worst possible water quality, classified under Class E. The remaining 85 lakes were categorised under Class D, indicating poor water quality.

While almost all the lakes are facing a high sewage load, leading to severe bacterial contamination, three water bodies were found to have no oxygen to sustain aquatic life. The lakes with zero dissolved oxygen levels include Kannur Lake near Hennur Road, Chikkagubi Lake and Karihobanahalli Lake. Officials from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) said the discharge of raw sewage continues to be the primary reason behind the deteriorating condition of lakes in the city.

"While underground sewage network work is ongoing in many areas and sewage treatment plants (STPs) are being set up, lakes continue to receive raw sewage. High levels of faecal and total coliform bacteria indicate sewage contamination," a KSPCB official said.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the concentration of total coliform organisms in water bodies suitable for bathing should not exceed 500 MPN per 100 ml. However, the KSPCB's water quality analysis report shows that bacterial levels in some lakes are alarmingly high.

A recent pollution board assessment reveals alarming bacterial contamination and oxygen depletion in Bengaluru's lakes, exposing sewage mismanagement, failing treatment systems, and rising environmental and public health risks

Lakes such as Nagavara, Byrasandra and Kundanahalli recorded coliform levels as high as 22,000 MPN per 100 ml, highlighting the scale of sewage contamination entering these water bodies.

Concerns over the effectiveness of sewage treatment infrastructure have also been raised. In 2024, a city-based NGO analysed 15 sewage treatment plants managed by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), formerly the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, at lakes across the city. The study found that the treatment plants were largely ineffective in improving lake water quality.

The analysis covered lakes including Bhattarahalli, Munnenakolalu, Challakere, Herohalli, Lingadheeranahalli, Andrahalli, Kalena Agrahara, Ibblur, Kudlu Chikkakere, Uttarahalli, Dorekere, Byrasandra, Deepanjali, Dasarahalli and Kammagondanahalli.

An environmentalist said untreated sewage inflow, industrial waste discharge, encroachments, inefficient sewage treatment, poorly planned lake rejuvenation projects and mismanaged stormwater drains are among the key reasons for the worsening condition of Bengaluru's lakes. The situation, they warned, threatens lake ecosystems, poses health risks to residents and deepens the city's growing water crisis.

East Bengaluru reclaims land for roads

The Bengaluru East City Corporation has taken possession of about 14 acres of land valued at nearly 510 crore for road widening and infrastructure development across key corridors in the eastern part of the city. Commissioner D S Ramesh said the land parcels, covering nearly 56,700 sq metres, were either voluntarily relinquished by property owners or had already been earmarked for road expansion under the Revised Master Plan (RMP) 2015.

So far, the civic body has taken over 52 properties located along important stretches such as ITPL Main Road, Whitefield Main Road and areas around Doddanekundi. These areas include segments planned to improve connectivity between the Outer Ring Road and the proposed Peripheral Ring Road.

Officials said the reclaimed land will be used to widen major and sub-arterial roads, create safer footpaths and introduce cycle tracks wherever feasible. The move is expected to ease traffic congestion in one of Bengaluru's fastest-growing zones.

To prevent encroachments, signboards will be installed marking the parcels as corporation land. The civic body plans to continue identifying and reclaiming more properties reserved for road widening under the master plan in the coming phases.

–BMB

Five civic bodies plan ₹4,000 crore budgets

The five newly created city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority are preparing to present their first budgets by the end of this month, following the restructuring of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). This will mark the first time Bengaluru will have five separate civic budgets instead of a single one. Each corporation is expected to propose a budget between ₹4,000 crore and ₹5,000 crore. Officials have begun internal preparations and invited suggestions from the public. Resident welfare associations have urged the corporations to prioritise sustainable and environmentally friendly initiatives while addressing ward-level civic problems.

However, raising resources may be a challenge. Of the ₹7,000 crore earmarked for Bengaluru's development in the state budget, only about half is expected to go directly to the corporations, with the remainder allocated to agencies handling mobility and solid waste management. Property tax will remain the primary revenue source, along with advertisement fees, road-cutting charges, trade licence fees, FAR charges and e-khata fees, as the corporations are unlikely to introduce new taxes in their first budgets. Officials also said the corporations will focus on improving basic infrastructure, including roads, drainage systems and waste management services.

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Footpath obstruction
Chickpet

A politician's car parked for hours on the footpath near the police post on Hospital Road in Chickpet is blocking traffic and forcing pedestrians onto the road.

Road tile gaps
Hosur Road

Large gaps between road tiles on Hosur Road near Christ College have turned the stretch into a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians.

Abandoned vehicle
Maharaja Complex, First Road

A GBA garbage auto has been lying abandoned for the past 15 days on First Road of Maharaja Complex near the Majestic area.

Report raises concern over exposure to chemicals through food and environment

Toxin exposure runs deep through hidden contaminants

Study across participants from 9 states detects pesticides, antibiotics and steroids in blood samples, pointing to exposure through various sources

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Did you know that even if you are eating clean and living healthy, harmful chemicals could already be circulating in your bloodstream? A Bengaluru-based gut health startup, MicrobioTx, has found that 93 per cent of urban blood samples tested across nine states and 14 cities contained toxic substances, raising serious concerns over daily exposure through food and environment.

According to the findings, 78 per cent of those tested had pesticide residues in their blood, with 36 per cent exposed to three or more pesticides. Antibiotics were detected in 54 per cent of samples, steroids in 39 per cent and 'forever' chemicals in 38 per cent. 17 per cent had 10 or more toxins across three categories, indicating cumulative exposure. 'Forever' chemicals, widely used in non-stick cookware, food packaging and water resistant materials, are known to persist in the body and have been linked to cancer risk, thyroid disorders, liver damage and fertility issues. The company said exposure is likely through food consumption, plastic usage, groundwater and environmental pollution, while most regulatory checks focus only on food samples and not on toxin accumulation in human blood.

The results also echo recent food safety alarms over vegetables sold in and around Bengaluru. A report in Bangalore Mirror noted that the majority of vegetables supplied to the city come from peri-urban districts where the Central Pollution Control Board found traces of lead and pesticide residues in produce like beans, gourds and leafy greens, exceeding safety limits for daily consumption. The report said more than 700 tonnes of vegetables are supplied daily to the city from these areas, raising concerns about food safety in the supply chain.

Dr Naneboena Sunitha, Consultant Nutritionist and Dietitian at Vasavi Hospitals, said gut health is directly linked to immunity and mental well being. "Beneficial bacteria such as Lactobacillus found in fermented foods strengthen the immune response. Nearly 90 per cent of serotonin is produced in the gut, so stress, poor diet or hunger can disrupt mood and overall health," said Dr Sunitha.

Chronic exposure to chemicals in low doses may not show immediate signs, but over time it can disrupt gut health, says gastroenterologist

City doctors say the issue cannot be ignored. K Krishnamurthy, a general physician, said, "We are increasingly seeing young patients with metabolic disorders, hormonal imbalance and gut related problems. While lifestyle is one factor, environmental toxin exposure could be an underlying contributor." A gastroenterologist added, "Chronic low dose exposure to pesticides, antibiotics and industrial chemicals may not show immediate symptoms, but over time it can disrupt gut health, immunity and even increase long term disease risk. There is a need for stronger monitoring at both food and public health levels."

Man booked for animal cruelty and illegal dog breeding

A case of animal cruelty has yet again surfaced in Bengaluru. Following a complaint by a citizen, the Peenya police have registered a case against a man for brutally beating and illegally breeding 9 dogs in his backyard in Doddabidarakallu.

Based on videographic evidence, an FIR has been registered under Section 325 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and under Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960, against the owner.

The video footage shared by the complainant showed two dogs being tied up, kicked, and beaten by the man with a pipe and thick wire. The concerned persons reached out to PETA, stating that the dogs could be heard crying from afar regularly. Another neighbour verbally alleged witnessing sexual abuse of the dogs.

All nine dogs from the premises were rescued. Three dogs have been taken in by Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA), while the remaining six dogs are now with Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre (CARE). The dogs will undergo rehabilitation and be put up for adoption once they recuperate and are vaccinated and sterilised.

"Those who abuse animals often move on to harming humans. Thus, animal cruelty cases must be reported. An FIR booked in this case sends a clear message that cruelty to animals will not be tolerated," said Ishani Rathee of PETA.

Experts say that perpetrators of animal abuse should undergo a psychiatric evaluation and receive counselling, as abusing animals indicates a deep psychological disturbance.

Volunteers from PETA worked with local volunteers to ensure that an FIR is registered. —BMB

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1 in 5 adults obese in K'taka; nearly 1 in 3 show abdominal fat risk

Nearly one-third of adults show abdominal obesity as doctors warn sedentary lifestyles, processed food consumption and urban living are accelerating health risks

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Obesity burden is steadily emerging as a public health concern, with 22.9 percent of adults classified as generally obese and a significantly higher 31.8 percent showing abdominal obesity, according to recent parliamentary data.

This means nearly one in five adults in the state is obese by body mass index (BMI) standards, while almost one in three carries excess abdominal fat a key risk factor for heart disease and diabetes.

While Karnataka's general obesity rate remains lower than high-burden states such as Kerala at 43.6 percent and Delhi at 41.8 percent, its abdominal obesity levels are considerably higher than several large states, including Maharashtra at 18.7 percent and Gujarat at 28.4 percent.

Doctors say abdominal obesity is a more serious indicator than overall body weight. "Abdominal fat is metabolically active and directly linked to insulin resistance, hypertension and cardiovascular disease," said A K Murthy, a senior endocrinologist at a leading Bengaluru hospital. "When 31.8 percent of adults show central obesity, it signals a silent build-up of lifestyle-related disorders."

Cardiologists point out that rapid urbanisation is a major contributor to the rising numbers. Nithish D, a cardiologist, said cities like Bengaluru promote sedentary lifestyles. "Long work hours, extended commutes and growing dependence on processed food are key factors. Even individuals with normal body weight are presenting with high waist circumference," he said.

Public health experts believe the prevalence may be higher in metropolitan pockets. One specialist noted that Karnataka's overall figures reflect both rural and urban populations. "If we isolate urban centres, especially Bengaluru, the prevalence could be significantly higher," he said.

He added that obesity is no longer confined to affluent groups. "Cheap calorie-dense food, limited physical activity and changing lifestyles are affecting younger populations across income categories," he said.

Doctors stress that early screening can help curb the growing burden. "Waist measurement should become as routine as checking blood pressure," said a preventive medicine expert. "If identified early, lifestyle changes can reverse central obesity before it progresses to diabetes or heart disease."

Experts say the state must prioritise awareness campaigns, workplace fitness initiatives and school-based nutrition programmes to reduce the risk of a larger non-communicable disease burden in the coming years.

A spread of packaged chips and sweets represents changing urban diets that cardiologists say are contributing to higher waist circumference and metabolic risks

Parliamentary data reveals a worrying rise in central obesity across the state, prompting experts to stress early screening, lifestyle changes and stronger public health measures

New rates may make beer, wine cheaper

Beer and wine could soon become cheaper as the state government prepares to introduce a new excise system that links liquor prices to alcohol strength. From April 1, the state will roll out the Alcohol in Beverage (AIB) taxation model, where excise duty will be calculated based on the actual alcohol content in a drink. Since beer and wine have lower alcohol levels, their prices are expected to drop slightly, while stronger Indian Made Liquor could become costlier. The move, announced in the state budget, is the first such system being introduced anywhere in the country and is aimed at revamping the excise sector and improving revenue.

The government hopes the new model will gradually shift consumption patterns in a market where nearly 90 per cent of liquor sales come from low-cost brands and only about 10 per cent from premium liquor. Premiumisation push aims to boost revenue, attract investment. **–BMB**

Riding the road to empowerment together

Over 150 women gathered on Sunday near Hebbal Flyover for the Nari Shakti Ride 2026, a bike rally marking International Women's Day. The event featured participation from nearly 50 women bikers, 20 women auto drivers from the Taliru Foundation, 20 women car drivers, as well as doctors, professionals, and cyber security experts. Retired Wing Commander Julie Rosi of the Indian Air Force was also present.

The Nari Shakti Ride began in the morning from Motherhood Hospital, Sahakar Nagar, beneath the Hebbal Flyover, where women achievers from various fields flagged off the rally. The ride passed through major city roads and concluded at Moxy Bengaluru Airport, Prestige Tech Cloud, Navarathna Agrahara. A rally organised by She For Society with Motherhood Hospital Hebbal and Moxy Bengaluru Airport celebrated women's empowerment, unity, confidence across city streets. **–Y Maheswara Reddy**

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

New signal

CM Siddaramaiah on Saturday said he will remain Chief Minister only as long as the party leadership wants him to, a shift from his earlier stand of completing a full five-year term. Speaking to reporters near Mysuru, he said the decision rests entirely with the party high command.

"If the high command asks me to continue, I will. If it asks me to step aside, I will do that too. The final call is theirs," he said, adding that if given the chance he is ready to present two more state budgets.

The remark, coming a day after he presented a record budget, has stirred fresh political buzz in the state.

Race debate

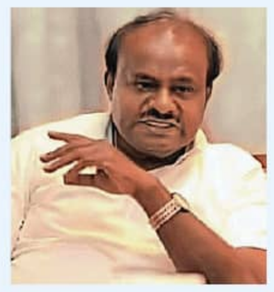
As opposition grows in Kunigal over the proposed shift of the Bangalore Turf Club racecourse from Bengaluru, with critics arguing that a turf club could encourage gambling and unhealthy habits among locals, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar offered a blunt defence of the plan. He claimed that the project would create around 2,000 jobs and questioned why the region should reject an opportunity that could bring economic activity and recognition. Responding to concerns that horse racing might push people towards betting, he remarked that those who already have such habits will find their way regardless of location, asking whether people with addictions do not visit wine shops or casinos elsewhere. He maintained that the government is not asking Kunigal residents to take up racing and argued that the facility would largely attract enthusiasts from outside the region.

Locking out

In a rare and centuries-old ritual linked to the Sunkamma Devi fair, residents of Thammayyanagudda in Kudligi taluk of Vijayanagara district emptied their village for an entire day on Tuesday, stepping out with their cattle, goats, dogs and even cats in tow. Over 250 households left together at dawn after symbolically sealing the village boundaries, carrying grains and essentials in bundles. They camped under tamarind groves and tree shades on the outskirts, cooked rotis, pulse curry and sweets, and shared a community meal before returning only after dusk. For one full day, the village stood silent and deserted, keeping alive a tradition that locals say has been followed for hundreds of years.

Tapping row

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy has stirred fresh controversy over the issue of transfer of power, alleging that phone tapping has existed under every government and continues even now. He told journalists recently, "I am speaking the truth, listen carefully. Phone tapping was there in every government. It is there even today. But how much it has increased under the present government, they themselves must answer." He further alleged that some leaders engage in phone tapping while pretending to be virtuous. Kumaraswamy claimed that for the first time, ministers in the same government are allegedly spying on their own MLAs. His remarks have added a new political twist to the ongoing debate over internal power shifts and governance in the state.



Milk and honey

Amid persistent rumours of a power tussle between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar, and fresh allegations from the Opposition that the CM was tapping his deputy's phone, Siddaramaiah has hit back with an offbeat response. Dismissing the charge as political mischief, he said their relationship is "like milk and honey" and cannot be soured by speculation. The talk of rivalry, he suggested, exists more in political imagination than in government corridors. He added that repeated attempts to paint cracks within the Congress will not change the reality on the ground..

–Sridhar Vivan

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RBI mulls new one-time compensation for financial losses through online scams

Safety net for cyber fraud victims

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put forward a limited compensation framework designed to provide support to those who have suffered losses through digital fraud. While the scheme offers a degree of relief, it remains partial in nature and is carefully bound by strict caps including detailed eligibility requirements and a one time claim limit.

How will the compensation be paid and who bears the cost?

Banks must credit the compensation to the victim within five days of receiving a valid claim. The financial burden will be shared between RBI, the victim's bank and the bank that received the fraudulent funds, with RBI bearing the largest share of the loss.

Who is eligible to receive the compensation?

Customers who suffer digital fraud losses of up to Rs 50,000 may qualify for the scheme. If the amount lost exceeds Rs 50,000, the victim will not be eligible for compensation under the proposed framework.

What are the key conditions for claiming relief?

Victims must report the fraud on the national cyber crime portal or helpline 1930 and inform their bank within five days of the incident. The compensation can be claimed only once in a lifetime and applicants will be required to submit Aadhaar details while filing the claim.

How much compensation can victims receive?

For losses below Rs 29,412, victims will receive 85 per cent of the amount lost, capped at Rs 25,000. In cases where losses fall between Rs 29,412 and Rs 50,000, the maximum compensation of Rs 25,000 will be paid.

Will the rule apply to cases where customers shared OTPs or passwords?

Yes. The proposed framework extends coverage even in cases where customers were tricked into sharing credentials such as OTP, PIN or CVV, provided the transaction occurred through deception or manipulation.

When will the new rule come into effect?

The proposal aims to provide a safety net for victims of small value digital frauds while encouraging customers to remain cautious. By limiting compensation and allowing only a one time claim, RBI intends to balance consumer protection with financial responsibility. The rules, if finalised, will apply to transactions after July 1, 2026.

WAR UPDATES

Israel strikes Lebanon, Iran hits Bahrain

Israel has struck southern Lebanon, Beirut and an oil storage facility in Tehran as the war in the Middle East keeps escalating, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised "many surprises" for the next phase of the conflict.

Iran also hit a desalination plant in Bahrain. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said a US airstrike damaged an Iranian desalination plant on Qeshm Island, warning that in doing so "the US set this precedent, not Iran." Such infrastructure is critical for drinking water supplies in the parched deserts of the Gulf.

An Israeli attack on an oil storage facility in Tehran sent up pillars of fire that could be seen in Associated Press video as a glow against the Saturday night sky. It appeared to be the first time a civil industrial facility has been targeted in the war.

The conflict has rattled global markets, disrupted air travel and left Iran's leadership weakened by hundreds of Israeli and American airstrikes. — AP

1 killed, 2 injured in Pak petrol pump firing amid panic buying

A man was killed and two others seriously injured after customers opened fire at a petrol pump in Pakistan's Punjab province following a dispute amid panic buying of fuel triggered by fears of shortages due to the US-Iran conflict, police said on Sunday.

The incident occurred on Saturday in Sialkot, about 100 km from Lahore, when an altercation broke out between customers and workers at a filling station on Daska Road, police said.

According to police, long queues of motorists had formed at the petrol pump as concerns grew over oil supplies following the closure of the Strait of Hormuz amid the ongoing US-Israel-Iran conflict.

Two men who arrived in a car had their vehicle filled with petrol and then asked the filling station worker to fill fuel in a couple of jerry cans they had brought with them. The station worker refused, saying filling fuel in cans is not allowed under government policy.

"This led to an altercation between the filling station staff and the car riders," police officer Dost Muhammad said. —PTI

IPL 2026 season to begin on March 28

File photo of Royal Challengers Bengaluru team, the defending IPL title holders

Official announcement confirms March 28 as kick-off date for Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season; earlier, KSCA Secretary had confirmed that M Chinnaswamy Stadium will host five of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) IPL 2026 home games

The upcoming Indian Premier League 2026 season will officially kick off on March 28, broadcaster Star Sports confirmed on Sunday.

The official announcement came ahead of the India vs New Zealand ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

It is to be noted that the fixtures of the IPL 2026 edition are yet to be announced by the IPL. Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) are the defending champions. The Bengaluru-based franchise defeated Punjab Kings in the 2025 edition summit clash by six runs in Ahmedabad.

Earlier this month, the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Secretary, Santosh Menon, confirmed that the M Chinnaswamy Stadium will host five of the Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 home games. He also confirmed that the venue will host the IPL 2026 final, along with one of the play-off matches in the tournament.

Notably, RCB's remaining two home matches of their IPL 2026 campaign will be held at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

— ANI

India ramps up alternative oil purchases

India has started securing additional crude oil supplies from alternative global sources as the conflict involving Iran continues to disrupt energy flows in West Asia.

Indian refiners are negotiating cargoes from countries such as the United States, Russia and producers in West Africa to ensure stable fuel supplies if the geopolitical tensions persist, according to the sources.

The move comes as tensions in the region have raised concerns about disruptions in oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, a key maritime route used by global energy markets. Nearly half of India's crude oil imports passed through the strait in February.

India imports around 88 per cent of its crude oil requirement, marking stable supply routes critical for energy security.

To prepare for possible disruptions, refineries have postponed planned maintenance shutdowns and are maintaining normal processing rates so that enough fuel can be produced to meet demand in the near term. —IANS

Centre always puts burden on common man, says DKS on LPG price hike

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday slammed the Centre for the Rs 60 increase in the domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinder, saying that the central government "always puts the burden" on the general public.

"The central government always puts all the burden on the common man," he said.

Earlier, Congress MP from Davanagere, Prabha Mallikarjun, also expressed concern over the recent hike in the price of LPG cylinders, saying, "I think the Government of India should think about it because every middle-class house, poor class, every class requires LPG cylinders. The government itself had started an initiative where LPG cylinders were given at a subsidy.

So now, I don't know, this is going to be an additional burden to all the."

However, despite the Rs 60 increase in the domestic 14.2 kg LPG cylinder on Saturday, LPG prices in India remain lower than in several neighbouring countries, people familiar with the matter told ANI.

After the increase, 14.2 kg LPG costs about Rs 913 in Delhi compared with around Rs 1,046 in Pakistan, Rs 1,241 in Sri Lanka and Rs 1,207 in Nepal.

The price of a domestic LPG cylinder had remained unchanged since April 2025, when the non-subsidised rate in Delhi stood at Rs 853. The latest revision marks a significant increase for household consumers as well as commercial users who rely on LPG for daily operations.

The increase comes amid discussions around India's energy supply and fuel availability. Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri earlier assured that there is no shortage of energy in the country and that consumers need not worry about supply disruptions.

Meanwhile, Indian Oil Corporation has dismissed reports circulating on social media suggesting a shortage of petrol and diesel in the country, terming them baseless. **ANI**

Hundreds, including students, have lunch at this canteen

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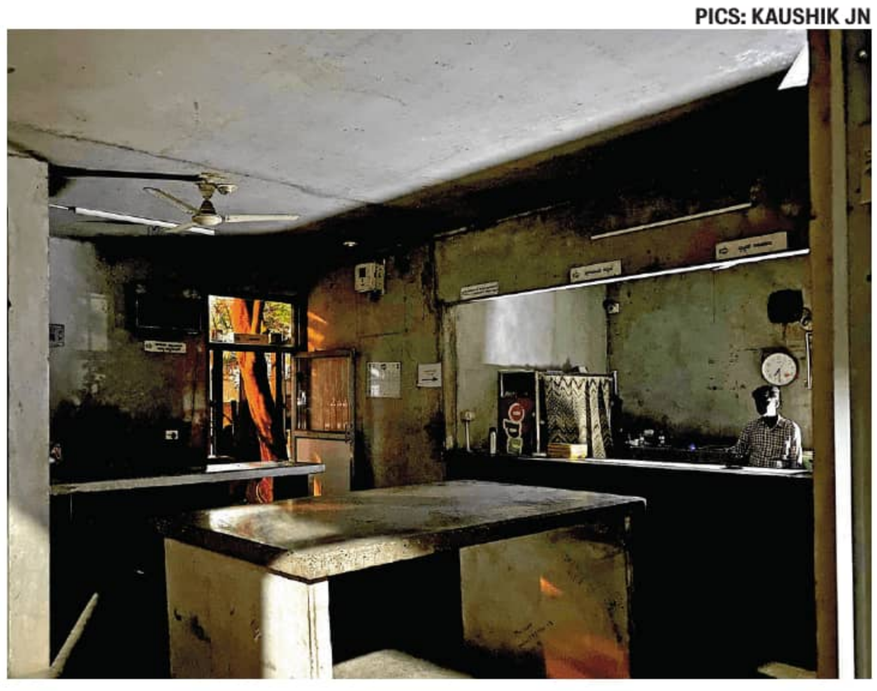
Bescom engineer advised me to get permission letter from the then BBMP authorities," said an employee of the Indira Canteen.

He said they approached the BBMP and got the permission letter. "However, the Bescom engineer then advised me to approach an electrical contractor to apply for a new electricity meter. The private electrical contractor demanded Rs 30,000 towards the expenses for getting the new electricity meter. We are not in a position to pay such a huge amount," he said, adding that he has to depend on an emergency light, that lasts only for an hour, to serve dinner at night.



No running water

The workers at the Indira Canteen keep water in a plastic drum for washing hands as there is no running water. Most water taps are missing and drinking water tanks are defunct. There is no water to even wash used plates. "We fill the three wash sinks with water. We wash used plates by dipping them in these three wash sinks," he said, adding that water leaks from the roof whenever it rains, causing a lot of inconvenience to the people who come for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

It is said around 100 people visit this canteen for breakfast and around 200 people, including students from nearby educational institutions, have their lunch at this canteen as they cannot afford to have lunch at other eateries. "The unhygienic conditions at this canteen are appalling. No one is bothered about the health of students who visit this canteen for lunch. The authorities must address the problems immediately or close the canteen," said L Jeevan of Karnataka Rashtra Samithi.

> **"Private electrical contractor demanded Rs 30,000 towards the expenses for getting the new electricity meter. We are not in a position to pay such a huge amount**

Dr Komala, Medical Officer of Health, said that she would direct the Junior Health Inspector to visit the canteen and ensure all facilities are restored. "I will also visit the canteen for an inspection. I will issue a notice to the agency if the canteen is not clean," she said.

Bangalore Mirror has reported about the sad shape of Indira Canteens across the city. On April 19, 2025, we wrote about how a defunct water pump, kitchen equipment, leaky roof are just a few of the issues a canteen near Halasuru Gate suffers from. The BM also reported on August 5, 2024 about how a dirty wash basin, stagnant water and other signs of decay greet customers of the Indira Canteen at Murugeshpalya on Old Airport Road.

Creator of map says data needs to be updated regularly

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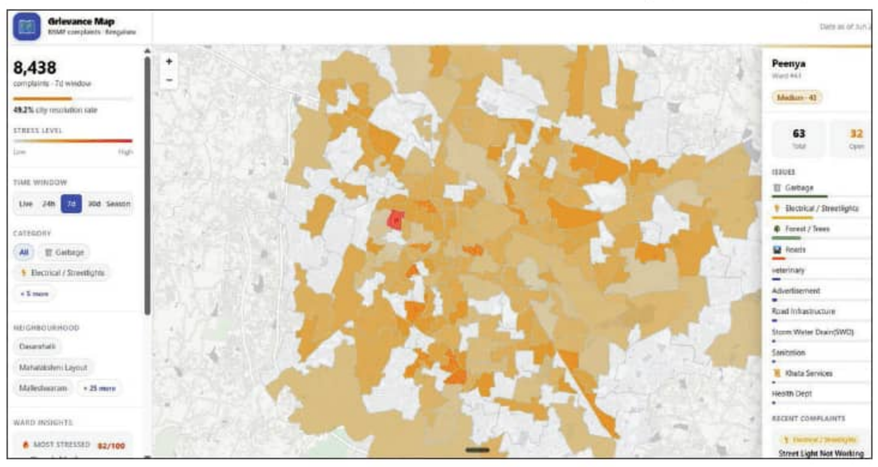
Shraddha Kulkarni, who works in product management, said that she used Claude to come up with the visualisation. "I have used artificial intelligence to create a dashboard of the data available. The raw data available (in this case, over 3 lakh complaints spread over 255 wards) cannot be visualised as it is present in an Excel format. Wards in the visualisation get classified as red, amber or white — that is based on a dynamic calculation that's happening on the backend based on different scores," she explained.



While being used to playing around with AI tools already, stumbling upon a data set of civic complaints encouraged Shraddha to build a visualisation. On the question of whether opening of data sets by state authorities, allowing access to every stakeholder and promoting transparency, would act as a minute solution in understanding our problems, Shraddha said it can be looked at in two ways. "First, the tech folks in the city can explore options of building solutions for civic problems through technological interventions. Secondly, there are many non-state actors, such as NGOs who solely work on fixing the civic health of a city. Such data sets will be of significant help to them," she explained.

However, she cautioned that the data needs to be updated regularly. "The data I have used is from 2025. We don't know what has happened in the early months of 2026. This is a lag in the mechanism through which data is put out. In the age of generative AI, the more the data, the merrier as people can help create multiple things," she said. She noted that the collated data by authorities, used for the visualisation was quite inconsistent. "I made interesting observations — a few wards mysteriously had no data. While for some wards the complaints have been recorded to the extent where they have categorised, for a few, there is no reporting," she said, and urged for consistency.

The post has generated discussion among social media users, with many residents sharing their own experiences of civic issues in different parts of Bengaluru. Several users suggested that publicly accessible dashboards and maps could improve transparency and accountability in urban governance.

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Fireworks all around as India win

Team India overwhelm New Zealand to post 96-run victory in finals

India produced a batting spectacle of rare ferocity to overwhelm New Zealand by 96 runs in the summit clash and defend the T20 World Cup title after posting a record total here on Sunday.

Powered by a blazing 89 from Sanju Samson and explosive half-centuries from Abhishek Sharma (52) and Ishan Kishan (54), India's top order went on a six-hitting spree to leave the New Zealand bowlers shell-shocked in the title clash, posting a massive 255 for five.

The total was the highest ever posted in a T20 World Cup final, capping a dominant display by the defending champions on the biggest stage of the tournament. India also became the first team to win the tournament.

The scoreboard pressure got to the Black Caps who desperately went after the Indian bowlers and ended up losing three quick wickets initially.

Their biggest hope Finn Allen (9) and the dangerous Glenn Phillips (5) perished early and with that New Zealand's chances of putting up a decent fight went up in smoke.

Axar Patel (3/27) and Jasprit Bumrah (4/15) had bulldozed the Kiwi innings and with the departure of Tim Seifert (52 off 26), the contest was reduced to a formality.

Invited to bat, Samson and Abhishek went on the offensive, tearing into the Kiwi attack with audacious strokeplay.

The duo hammered boundaries at will and raised a breathtaking 98-run opening stand in just 7.1 overs, setting the tone for a massive total.

Batting with sheer authority and least respect for the Kiwi bowlers, India crossed the 200-run mark in 15 overs.

However, New Zealand succeeded in putting the brakes on the run flow by dismissing Samson, Kishan and skipper Suryakumar Yadav (0) in a space of six balls. Pacer James Neesham took all three wickets in the 16th over to somehow stop the game from slipping away.

Hardik Pandya (18) did not last long but Shivam Dube (26 not out) provided a flourishing finish, creaming off 24 runs in the final over from Neesham.

India managed 52 in last five overs, thanks to Dube's fiery knock. —PTI

India's players celebrate after winning the 2026 ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup final match against New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad

1. Axar Patel of India celebrates taking the wicket of Daryl Mitchell of New Zealand
2. Jasprit Bumrah celebrates the wicket of New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra

Sporty entertainment

1. Fireworks light up the sky during the T20 World Cup cricket final match between India and New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday
2. Puerto Rican singer Ricky Martin performs
3. Falguni Pathak performs at the start of the programme

All praise for the terrific trio

Legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar lauded the Indian players for their blistering performance in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 final against New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday.

Superb contributions of Abhishek Sharma, Ishan Kishan and Sanju Samson helped the defending champions to post a monstrous total of 255/5 in 20 overs.

Taking to the social media platform X, Tendulkar noted that Abhishek Sharma had a challenging tournament but justified the team's faith with a blistering half-century in the summit clash.

"Not the easiest tournament for Abhishek Sharma, but the team showed belief in his ability. He has repaid that faith with a crucial knock in the final. Well played. Ishan Kishan is bringing real momentum to the innings, and Sanju Samson is continuing his reliable run," Tendulkar wrote on X.

It was the majestic fifties from Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan and a late cameo from Shivam Dube that propelled India to a massive 255/6 India posted the highest total ever in the final of a T20 World Cup. Dube slammed an unbeaten 26 off just 8 balls. He smashed James Neesham for 24 runs in the final over.

New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner won the toss and elected to field against India in Ahmedabad.

India's opening duo, Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma, have exposed New Zealand's lack of big-match experience in the powerplay.

After a watchful first couple of overs, India hit top gear, clobbering 24 in the fourth over as Samson-Sharma became the first opening duo to score a 50+ stand in a T20 World Cup final.

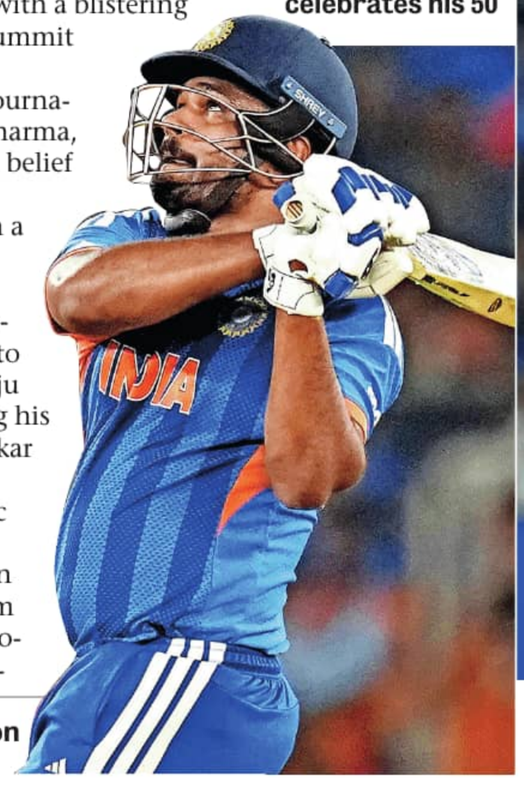
The Black Caps' pacers, including Matt Henry, have struggled to maintain a steady line, with Henry conceding four wides in the fifth over.

This led to New Zealand bowling eight extra deliveries in the powerplay, the most they've ever done in T20Is.

Samson and Sharma have capitalised on this, scoring 92 runs in the power play, the highest ever in a T20 World Cup match. Abhishek Sharma blasted an 18-ball fifty, and the duo became the first opening pair to score a 50+ stand in a T20 World Cup final.

Though Sharma wasn't in the best of form at the start of the World Cup. Sharma rose to the occasion in the final, bringing up the fastest 50 of the tournament in just 18 balls with the help of six fours and three sixes. —ANI

Abhishek Sharma celebrates his 50



India's Sanju Samson plays a shot

Ishan Kishan celebrates his half century

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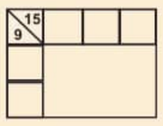

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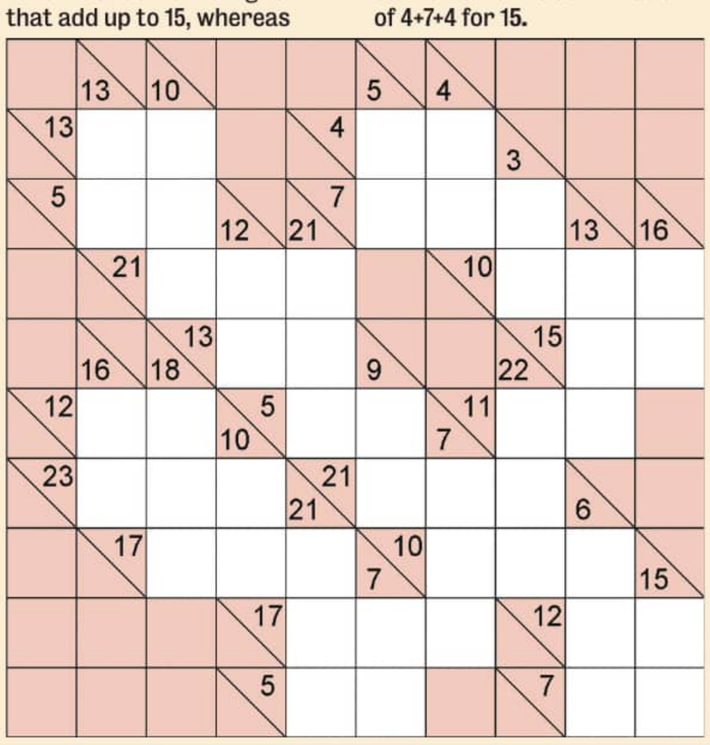

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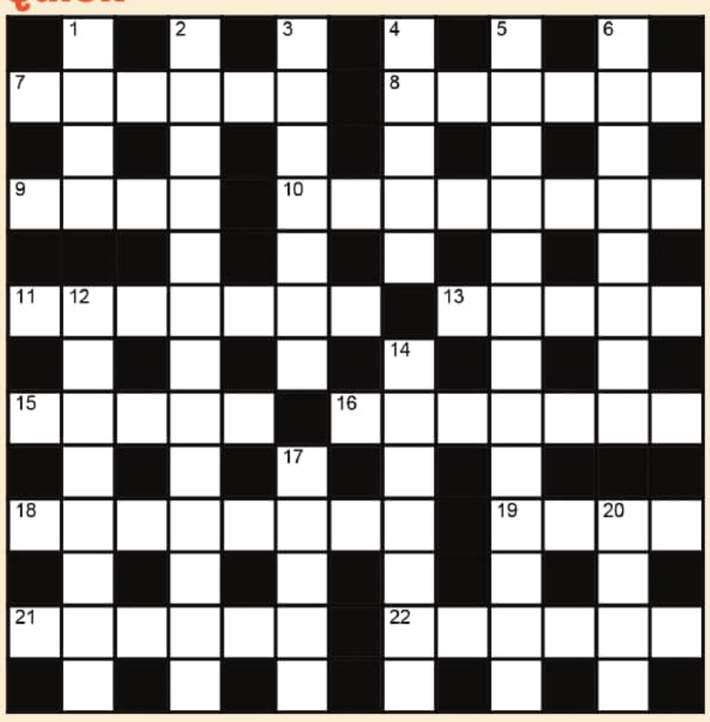

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4 In a frigid manner (5)
5 X-ray photo of the brain (13)
6 He's thought of something new (8)
12 Without warning (8)
14 Balearic island (7)
17 Insignificant (5)
20 Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in short (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS U

XOY XT ZIY UQYRZYHZ SJYGYH XT YGXOX.BJG DJHLXB JH ZX WOXD DIRZ FXM LX OXZ WOXD.

Linemaro

I want you to be my emergency contact person

Mindchow

Divine right of kings means the divine right of anyone who can get uppermost

Joke of the day

What did the clown says when he took off his clothes?
ANSWER: Haven't you seen a comic strip?

Loop

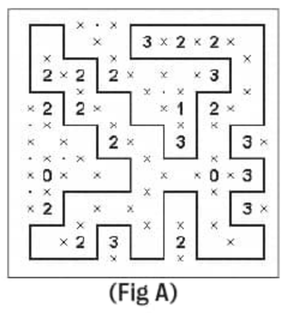
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

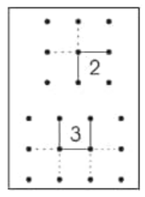
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

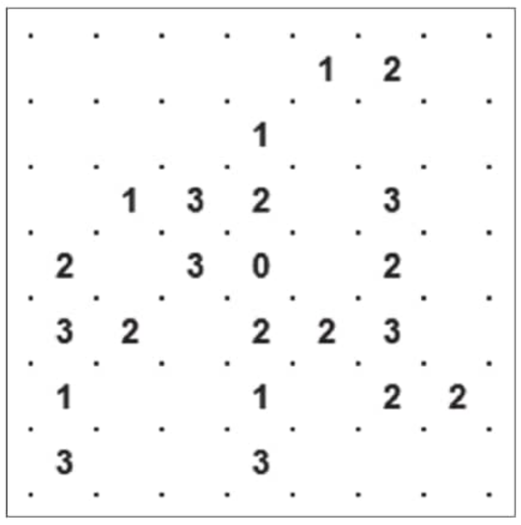
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



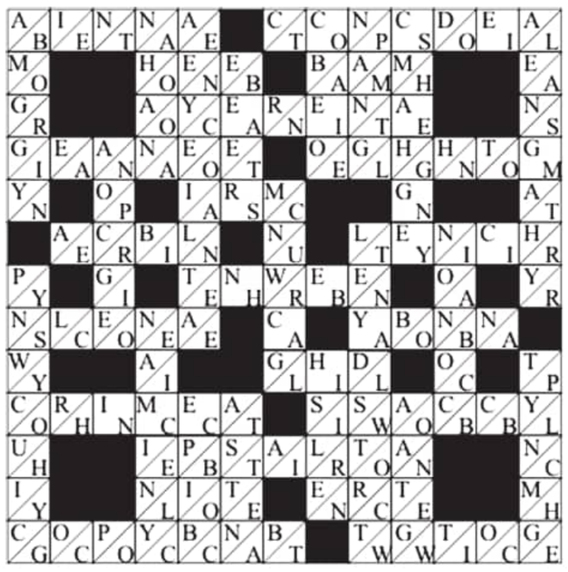
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9		G		

ACROSS

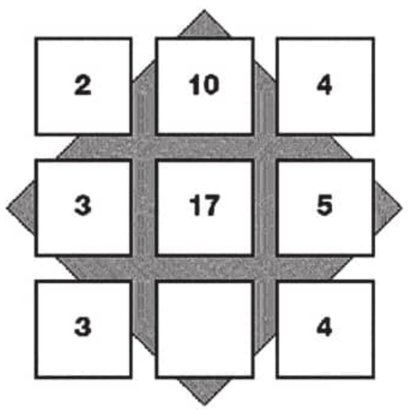
1 Colds; 6 R aura;
7 Rance; 8 I sank;
9 Is goy

DOWN

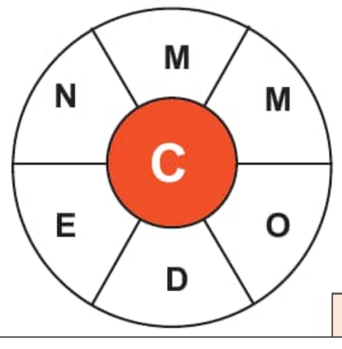
1 Yacks; 2 U Rico;
3 Organ; 4 Liana;
5 S Reds

Mensapuzzle

Which number goes in the empty square?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **06** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5			9		2			4
		2		3		9		
	9						8	
	7	9		6		1	2	
2				9				5
	3	5		1		4	7	
	5						6	
		3		5		2		
9			3		6			1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

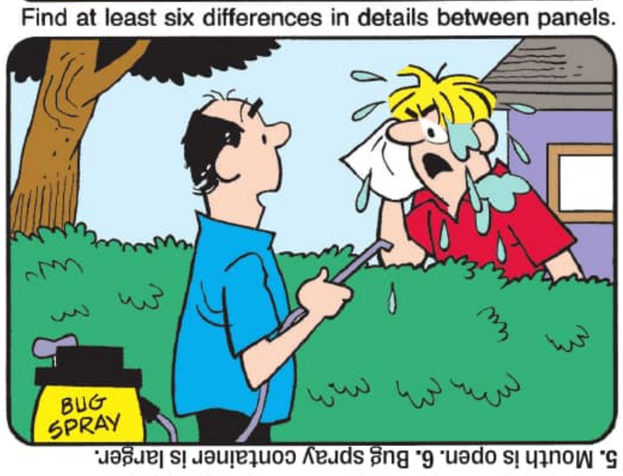
Easy = 22
2 9 6 5

Medium = 14
2 4 8 2

Hard = 5
1 2 6 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



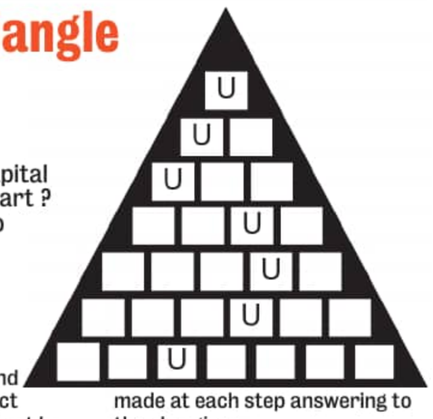
Differences: 1. Thumb is different. 2. Bottom of shirt is different. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Window is different. 5. Mouth is open. 6. Bug spray container is larger.

Riddler

A simple riddle you behold, All that glitters is not gold. My first is second in line, I'll send shivers up your spine. Though I'm not quite shining bright, I seem to glitter in the light. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 21st letter
2 You and me
3 Employment
4 Swing around
5 South Korean capital
6 Skirt's counterpart ?
7 Multiplies by two



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

MY FRENCH PERFUME SPRAYING IS WORKING TOO WELL!
EVEN POPEYE IS LOOKING AT THE DUNDER WOMEN WITH INTEREST!
GREETINGS, MISS OYL!
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE FRAGRANT FUTURE MRS. J. WELLINGTON WIMPY!
6-7
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Bizarrotrip

Yes, as your agent, it's my job to solicit blurbs, plan a promotional tour and try for an interview on "Fresh Air," but only after you've actually written a book.
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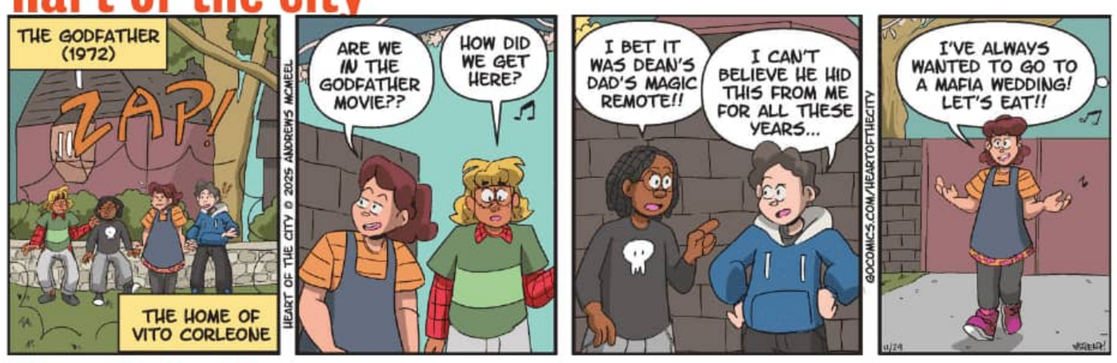
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


THE GODFATHER (1972)
ZAP!
THE HOME OF VITO CORLEONE
ARE WE IN THE GODFATHER MOVIE??
HOW DID WE GET HERE?
I BET IT WAS DEAN'S DAD'S MAGIC REMOTE!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE HID THIS FROM ME FOR ALL THESE YEARS...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO A MAFIA WEDDING! LET'S EAT!!
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Crankshaft

NO MORE TURKEY, DAD?
BUT YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT THE THANKSGIVING MEAL IS YOUR FAVORITE!
MY STOMACH'S IN A KNOT THINKING ABOUT THAT LAST LEAF ON THE TREE OUT THERE!
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Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

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If it's your birthday today

Compassion shapes your experiences. Love flows through kindness and forgiveness. Career satisfaction grows when you help or mentor others. Finances improve through generous yet wise choices. Travel broadens your world view and empathy. Home feels emotionally rich, filled with memories and meaning. Giving from the heart returns to you in unexpected, rewarding ways.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Work will be hectic soon, but ease pressure by staying calm when colleagues lag behind your high standards. If they matched you, you wouldn't stand out as exceptional anyway today.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

This week demands realism, not wishful thinking. Even with successes, disappointment follows un-met hopes, so ground expectations carefully and assess what is truly achievable now without illusions or exaggeration today.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Early week events challenge a belief you long held. It's only troublesome if you refuse evidence and insist you're right despite facts clearly pointing elsewhere that contradict assumptions you hold.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Talking tough requires matching actions. Today empowers you now, but question whether confrontation is necessary, or if calmer strength would achieve better outcomes without escalating unnecessary conflict today for everyone.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

No need for suspicion if an authority figure warms to you this week. Past clashes don't prevent productive cooperation and mutual respect developing now through openness, patience, professionalism and trust.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Today, someone may mislead you soon. That risk fades if you stay alert, question motives, and never lower your guard during negotiations partnerships discussions this coming week.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

The harder a colleague promises riches from joint plans, the more cautious you should become. Distrust is sensible when finances and security are involved because stakes consequences risks matter greatly.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

If rivals slow down this week, push harder. Maintain momentum, finish ahead, and question why you'd ease up after building such powerful drive confidence discipline ambition consistency focus and stamina.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Continue developing any recent creative project and elevate it further. Past habits of quitting early must stop now, especially when success is close and rewards recognition fulfilment loom ahead soon.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Rising demands energize you, offering chances to prove capability and outperform rivals. Surprisingly, some still underestimate your strength, skill, and determination despite consistent results leadership excellence shown repeatedly over time.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Clarify what you want most, then pursue it relentlessly. Your fixed-sign persistence ensures you stick with goals until achievement arrives without wavering doubt distraction compromise ever again now or later.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Financial news improves this week, but today urges caution. Sudden gains can vanish quickly, so resist impulsive spending and stay prudent until conditions stabilize and clarity returns fully securely.

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BULL'S EYE

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STRIKE OUT

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RIDDLER

Ice.

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MENSA PUZZLE

14. Working in rows, multiply the left and right hand numbers together and add 2 to give the centre value.

QUOTE UNCODE

One of the greatest pieces of economic wisdom is to know what you do not know.

SUDOKU

5	8	6	9	7	2	3	1	4
7	4	2	8	3	1	9	5	6
3	9	1	6	4	5	7	8	2
4	7	9	5	6	3	1	2	8
2	1	8	4	9	7	6	3	5
6	3	5	2	1	8	4	7	9
1	5	4	7	2	9	8	6	3
8	6	3	1	5	4	2	9	7
9	2	7	3	8	6	5	4	1

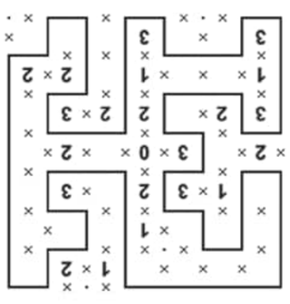
ALPHA TRIANGLE

U, Us, Use, Slue, Seoul, Blouse, Doubles.

GO FIGURE

Easy
5 + 6 + 9 + 2 = 22
Medium
2 × 4 − 2 + 8 = 14
Hard
6 − 2 + 2 − 1 = 5

LOOP



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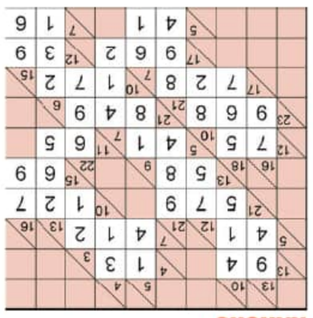

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